

Bandit Strips \$50,000 Gems From Woman

Mrs. Sarah Robertson, who Beat Wall Street in 1915, Held Up in Deal Home by White-Mask Gunman

Sunburst Snatched From Her at Door

Four Guests Lined Up in Dining Room as Rest of Her Jewels Are Taken

Mrs. Sarah Robertson, who was finding adventure in Wall Street, in her domestic surroundings and in the courts a few years ago, had another adventure forced upon her at Deal, N. J., Saturday evening. It was learned yesterday, a robber in a white mask rang her front doorbell and robbed her and four guests she was entertaining at dinner of \$500 in cash and jewelry said to be worth more than \$50,000.

Adventure has greeted Mrs. Robertson at the door before. In her divorce action she testified that once when she opened her bedroom door she found her husband, Dr. Joseph A. Robertson, of this city, standing there with an ax about to use it on the panel.

When she left her guests, Davis S. Meyer, Edgar M. Lazarus, H. C. Tabor and Olive Robertson, who is her niece, at the dinner table of her home, at 98 Phillips Avenue, Deal, Saturday evening, however, Mrs. Robertson was quite unprepared for the figure which confronted her at the door.

Thrusts Pistol Against Her

It was that of a tall and strongly built man, whose face was concealed by a white mask. There was nothing to conceal a deadly looking pistol, however, which he promptly poked into Mrs. Robertson's stomach. Mrs. Robertson's hands flew automatically in obedience to the muttered command: "Hands up!"

While they stood there the robber snatched a diamond sunburst from Mrs. Robertson's bosom, and then motioned to her to retire toward the dining room, whence came the sound of conversation.

Decease died at the strangle, which confronted the four persons at the table as they looked up from their plates. Their hostess in her dinner dress was backing slowly toward the room with hands raised above her head. After her, step by step, came a tall man, who wore a white mask beneath his drab felt hat and kept his revolver steady at the level of his waist.

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Then he ordered the others, one by one, to deposit whatever money they had on the table. Mr. Meyer, who is a well known insurance man in Long Branch, was the first to comply. He threw down a wallet containing \$50. Mr. Lazarus, who is his partner, contributed nothing, and neither did Mr. Tabor nor Mrs. Robertson.

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Relative Assents Chosen Man Is 57

Cousin Says Prospective Bridegroom's Father Once Lived in U. S.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Formal announcement of the engagement of Miss Mathilde McCormick to Max Oser, a riding master of Zurich, Switzerland, was made here to-night by the girl's father, Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company.

Miss Mathilde is sixteen years old. Her fiancé's age is said to be forty-eight, although this was disputed today by Emil L. Ruge, of this city, who said he was a first cousin of Oser. He fixed the riding master's age as fifty-seven. Miss Mathilde met Oser when she went to Switzerland several years ago with her mother. She has lived there since and came to the United States recently to obtain her parents' consent to her marriage with Oser.

Mr. McCormick issued this statement from his Rush Street residence after a day of conference with his daughter:

Harold F. McCormick announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Mathilde, to Max Oser, of Zurich, Switzerland. This announcement is hastened a few weeks by the fact of the recent newspaper publicity.

Miss Mathilde's mother, Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, who is divorced from her husband, was called into the family consultation on the engagement. It is not known if she believed, however, that John D. Rockefeller Sr., grandfather of the girl, was consulted by telegraph. He is in Florida. Mr. Rockefeller's antipathy to international romances is well known.

Decision whether Mr. McCormick would consent to the match was delayed until he could return from New York, where the engagement report was first circulated last week. The Harvester president spent yesterday with his daughter here, but said last night that his decision had been declared temporarily while he and Miss Mathilde talked of other things. He intimated that his decision would be made this morning.

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Burgie, who is himself an old man, asserted that the Swiss riding master was much more than fifty years of age, as has been understood heretofore.

"Oser is fifty-seven years old, not forty-eight," said Burgie. "He is my first cousin. His mother and his mother were sisters. My sister, Mrs. Martha Kulec, of Milwaukee, is another cousin of Oser in this country."

Mr. Oser's father, Sebastian Oser, came to America years ago, about the same time my people came here. He lived for a while near Lake Geneva and then returned to Switzerland."

Under Sheriff Eugene Bascall, who has declared that a woman is hunk of the murder, that jealousy was the motive for the slaying and that the woman suspected is a prominent actress, will make the experiment.

"While I cannot disclose the nature of the test," he said today, "I know it cannot fail. If it shows what I expect, it will give us a perfect clue as to the identity of the slayer, and will immediately place the woman in custody. I can give you no hint as to his purpose."

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Urged Wife to Return

According to relatives, Thompson, who had been employed in Manhattan, brought his wife to join him. She refused and yesterday Thompson visited Mrs. Helen Bird, his mother-in-law, at the Raunt. He urged her to join him in his wife to return to him. Mrs. Bird told the police last night she informed Thompson his wife had made up her mind not to return. Mrs. Bird said the two children of Thompson, Arthur, four years old, and Vernon, two, were in her home when their father called. He played with them more than half an hour, waiting for his wife to return. When she did not come he remarked that he would stroll off to the company."

Planned for Meeting

McKeage, in a statement made to detectives of the Marine Division last night, said he told Thompson when the latter demanded to see his wife that he feared him and wished he would go away.

Thompson pleaded hard to talk with Mrs. Thompson. McKeage added, and (Continued on page four)

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Legion Serves Notice On Harding Bonus Must Be Passed Now

MacNider Insists on Action and Denounces Opposition of "Selfish Interests" in Money Centers

Says Nation Favors Aid to Veterans

Cite Indorsement of Commercial Associations of Middle West Cities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The demand that the soldiers' bonus bill be immediately passed was made to-night in a telegram sent to President Harding by Hanford MacNider, commander of the American Legion, from his home in Mason City, Iowa.

The Legion commander charged that the revenue features advanced by the President are being used solely for the purpose of misleading the public as to the real features asked by the Legion, and he makes the argument that the opposition to the bill can be traced to "certain selfish interests entrenched in great financial centers" who had the most to lose financially by defeat in the war "and who profited the most by the victory."

Commander MacNider's telegram declares that the service men are as much entitled to financial and other relief from the government as manufacturers were for war contracts never fulfilled, which required the expenditure by the government of three billion dollars.

Says League Speaks for 25 Million

"The American Legion, speaking for nearly five million returned service men and women, is fifteen to twenty million more of the immediate families who do not understand direct compensation and their extraction ask that the passage of the adjusted compensation bill be no longer delayed," Mr. MacNider said. "Wherever and whenever the people of the United States have been given the opportunity to voice their opinion, it has been an overwhelming answer has been unmistakable."

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These fluctuations mark a chapter of financial horror which is paralleled in the history of human suffering. They have introduced a period of social injustice, a time of industrial depression, and an epoch in which moral character and the sound virtues of honesty, industry, thrift and provision for the morrow have been rendered vain.

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Asks 5-Fold Compensation Bill

"The American Legion, at the request of Congress, drafted the pending bill and feels it to be a just obligation of the government to the nation wants this debt recognized and not confused or endangered by the position to revenue raising ideas, such as the five-fold adjusted compensation bill be passed. That these measures may be furnished a slight stepping stone up to the economic level of those who had the opportunity, whether they took advantage of it or not, to enrich themselves in permanent employment and save from their wartime earnings against just such conditions which the veteran finds confronting him today."

The Legion chief called attention of the President to the fact that the Chicago, Federal Reserve Bank and the Chambers of Commerce of the city of Chicago, Treasury Mellon's home city of Pittsburgh and Cleveland, the largest city in the President's own state, favor the immediate passage of the relief bill.

"When such men as the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of the Chicago district, chosen because of their ability to gauge economic and financial conditions in that part of the United States most affected by depression, are for the passage of the bill," Mr. MacNider said, "and when great chambers of commerce in such cities as Secretary Mellon's own home, Pittsburgh, and in Cleveland, the largest city in your own state, are unanimously in favor, and when such men and such organizations are going to help create more constructive conditions, it is certainly consideration must be given to it."

Opposition to the bill, MacNider said, comes from the ignorance of its cause and the effect of the measure.

Farm and home aid, vocational training, paid-up insurance, land development and settlement are certainly feasible. The passage of the bill will be a constructive step toward more constructive conditions, it said.

Discusses Cash Features

Of the cash feature of the bill, Commander MacNider said:

"There is a cash feature, but with hundreds of thousands of ex-service men walking the streets of our cities looking for work we do not feel competent to dictate to these men their choice. The negligible minority in opposition can be traced in nearly every organization to certain selfish interests entrenched in great financial centers who had the most to lose financially by defeat and who profited the most by the victory. They show a sordidness not in keeping with America's feelings for compensation to her veterans of previous wars."

"There has suddenly been evidenced an interest in the disabled veteran from these same opponents."

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Five Have \$5,000,000 Incomes

Personal returns of incomes of \$1,000,000 and over totaled 65 for 1919, compared with 67 in 1918, while for 1919 there were five returns filed for incomes of \$5,000,000 and over.

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The number of joint returns of husbands and wives for 1919 was 2,858,597, and the number of wives making separate returns from their husbands was 58,304. The number of single men filing returns as heads of families was 362,797 and the number of single women filing such returns was 88,595. The number of returns from all other single men was 1,692,277, and from all other single women was 361,950.

Income of Five Is \$65,000,572

Five citizens of the United States reported an aggregate gross revenue in 1919 of \$65,000,572, according to an official report issued by the Treasury Department. Deductions of \$14,655,633 were allowed, bringing the net income to \$50,344,939, on which the government collected \$35,301,085, or 65.77 per cent.

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